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1. CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSION OFFICIALS HAVE NOW RECEIVED
CONFIRMATION THAT CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD RECENTLY SOLD 300,000 TONS
OF WHEAT TO INDIA (REF A). CANADIAN OFFICIALS INDICATE SALE HAS
NOT AS YET BEEN PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED. ACCORDING TO INDIAN OFFICIALS
WHEAT WILL SUPPOSEDLY BE SHIPPED DURING JAN-MARCH PERIOD.

2. FURTHER TO REF B SWEDISH EMBASSY OFFICIAL INDICATES THAT
BECAUSE OF HIGH PRICE AND POOR QUALITY, INDIA HAS CURRENTLY
DECIDED NOT TO PURCHASE WHEAT FROM SWEDISH GRAIN MARKETING
ORGANIZATION EVEN THOUGH SWEDISH GOVERNMENT WAS WILLING TO FINANCE
PURCHASE OF 100,000 TONS FROM PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED AID FUNDS
TO INDIA. SUBSEQUENTLY, SWEDISH GOVERNMENT HAS OFFERED ON GRANT
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BASIS AN ADDITIONAL 25 MILLION SWEDISH CROWN FOR PURCHASE OF

20,000 TONS OF SWEDISH WHEAT INCLUDING PAYMENT OF OCEAN TRANSPORTATION. THIS IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY INDIA. AGREEMENT HOPEFULLY TO BE FINALIZED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

3. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE ABOVE IT APPEARS INDIA HAS IMPORTED OR LINED UP FOR IMPORT SO FAR DURING 1974-75 (JULY-JUNE BASIS) APPROXIMATELY 6.4 MILLION TONS OF GRAIN EXCLUDING POSSIBLE TITLE I AGREEMENT. THIS INCLUDES APPROXIMATELY 3,780,000 TONS OF COMMERCIAL WHEAT FROM THE U.S. (INCLUDING APPROXIMATELY 126,000 TONS OF SHIPPED PRIOR TO JULY 1), 138,000 TONS OF GRANT WHEAT AND 380,000 TONS OF COMMERCIAL WHEAT FROM CANADA, 101,000 TONS OF WHEAT UNDER LAST YEAR'S RUSSIAN LOAN AGREEMENT, 430,000 TONS OF MILO AND 250,000 TONS OF WHEAT ON COMMERCIAL TERMS FROM ARGENTINA, 200,000 TONS OF COMMERCIAL WHEAT AND 40,000 OF GRANT WHEAT FROM AUSTRALIA (AGREEMENT FOR FIRST 20,000 FORMALLY CONCLUDED END OF DED), 20,000 GRANT WHEAT FROM SWEDEN, AND RECENTLY AGREED 1 MILLION TONS OF WHEAT FROM THE EEC (INCLUDING 300,000 ON GRANT BASIS) PLUS AN ADDITIONAL 60,000 TONS OF GRANT WHEAT FROM EEC (INCLUDING 30,000 FROM U.K. WHICH CURRENTLY BEING NEGOTIATED IN NEW DELHI).
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